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SUBJECT: NEW DRIVE ON MILITIA BUILDING

SUMMARY. REPORTS FROM KIRIN AND KWANGSI POINT TO SOME GIVE, POSSIBLY A COMPROMISE, OVER THE DIVISIVE ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT TO PRESS FORWARD IN ARMING A WORKERS MILITIA. THE WORKERS IN THESE TWO PROVINCES ARE TO BE ARMED, BUT APPARENTLY KEPT BUSY WITH PRODUCTION AND STUDY TASKS. THIS MILITIA PUSH CONTINUES TO APPEAR TO BE ONLY SECONDARILY RELATED TO EXTERNAL THREATS. END SUMMARY.

1. RECENT BROADCASTS SHOW MOVEMENT ON THE DIVISIVE ISSUE OF ARMING AWORKERS MILITIA. KIRIN, A PROVINCE THAT HAD EARLIER SUGGESTED ITS MILITIA HAD LITTLE NEED TO CHANGE ITS PRACTICES (HONG KONG 11525), HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF A "WORKER-MILITIA GENERAL COMMAND" FOR ITS CAPITAL CITY OF CHANGCHUN (NOVEMBER 27 BROADCAST). THE COMMAND IS DESCRIBED AS A "NEWLY EMERGING PHENOMENA" BASED ON EXPERIENCES LEARNED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"SHANGHAI AND PEKING"--TWO KEY PHRASES THAT INDICATE KIRIN'S

REFORMS ARE NOMINALLY CAST IN THE LEFTIST SHANGHAI MOLD.

2. SIMILARLY, KWANGSI HAS HELD A PROVINCIAL MILITIA CONFERENCE THAT HAS ENDORSED LEARNING FROM THE URBAN MILITIA EXPERIENCES OF SHANGHAI (NOVEMBER 30 BROADCAST). KWANGSI, TOO HAD EARLIER SEEMED TO BE OPPOSING SHANGHAI'S LINE OF THE MILITIA (WR 46).

3. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR MILITARY TRAINING, BOTH KWANGSI AND KIRIN EMPHASIZED THE MILITIA'S NEED TO CONCENTRATE ON POLITICAL STUDIES AND PRODUCTION TASKS. FURTHER, THEY USED IDENTICAL LANGUAGE IN DESCRIBING CITIES AS "POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL CENTERS."

4. THE PHRASING RECALLS MAO'S DICTUM (WHICH FIRIN SUPPLIES) THAT THE POST-WAR BATTLE AGAINST THE KUOMINTANG IN THE CITIES WOULD BE A "POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL STRUGGLE." PERHAPS THE QUOTATION WAS CAREFULLY SELECTED TO SUPPORT A STRATEGY THAT WILL KEEP THE WORKERS' MILITARY ACTIVITY WITHIN NARROW BOUNDS, AND THE THREAT TO PRESENT POWER HOLDERS TO A MINIMUM.

5. WORRIES ABOUT A SOVIET ATTACK DO NOT APPEAR TO FIGURE PREDOMINENTLY IN THE URBAN MILITIA QUESTION. WHILE THE PUSH ON ARMING THE WORKERS WOULD APPEAR TO BE A SECOND PHASE OF THE NATIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE PROGRAM WHICH EARLIER FEATURED THE DIGGING OF TUNNELS, MEDIA COMMENT THUS FAR IS SLANTED TOWARD DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS AND DOES NOT REFLECT A HEIGHTENED CONCERN FOR AN EXTERNAL THREAT.
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